## <u>ABSTRACT</u>

A dielectric film (91) made of CF is deposited on a substrate. A protective layer comprising an SiCN film (93) is formed on the dielectric film (91). A film (94) serving as a hardmask made of SiCO is deposited on the protective layer by a plasma containing active species of silicon, carbon, and oxygen. When the protective layer is formed, an SiC film (92) is deposited on the dielectric film (91) by a plasma containing active species of silicon and carbon, and thereafter the SiCN film (93) is deposited on the SiC film (92) by a plasma containing active species of silicon, carbon, and nitrogen.

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